The replacement paragraphs presented above incorporate changes as indicated by the marked-up versions below.

This application is the national phase of international application PCT/GB99/01793, filed June 8, 1999, which designated the U.S., and that PCT application was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English. PCT/GB99/01793, filed June 8, 1999, claims priority from United Kingdom Application No. 9812607.1, filed June 12, 1998.

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims being examined, whether or not amended, are presented below.

1. (**Amended**) A purified protein comprising an amino acid sequence at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

2. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

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3. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

4. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence at least 99% identical to SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

5. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

6. (**Amended**) A fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2 that induces apoptosis.

Please add the following new claims:

10. (**New**) A purified protein comprising an amino acid sequence encoded by a nucleotide sequence that hybridizes under stringent conditions, including a wash step of 0.2X SSC at 65 °C, to SEQ ID NO: 1, wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

11. (**New**) A fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2 comprising amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said fragment induces apoptosis.

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12. (**New**) A purified protein comprising amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

13. (**New**) A purified protein consisting essentially of amino acid residues 168-240 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

The amended claims are re-stated below to reflect changes with respect to the last filing.

1. (**Amended**) A purified protein comprising ~~having~~ an amino acid sequence ~~having~~ at least 80% identical ~~identity~~ to ~~DETH~~ SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

2. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence ~~having~~ at least 90% ~~identity~~ identical to ~~DETH~~ SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

3. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence ~~having~~ at least 95% ~~identity~~ identical to ~~DETH~~ SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

4. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has an amino acid sequence ~~having~~ at least 99% ~~identity~~ identical to ~~DETH~~ SEQ ID NO 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.

5. (**Amended**) The purified protein of claim 1, wherein said protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, and wherein said protein induces apoptosis.